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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 22, 2002, applicant provisionally elects Group II, claims 11-15, with traverse. The grounds for traversal are that the examination of both groups would not place an undue burden on the examiner. The claims in the respective groups have many common features, and a search for one group would likely overlap with a search for the other group. Accordingly, applicant requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that all claims be examined on the merits.

> Respectfully submitted, GREER, BURNS & CRAIN, LTD.

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